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SUBJECT: SEPTEMBER 11 EA PRESS SUMMARY

1. CHINA

CCP CHRMN HUA KUO-FENG TOLD YUGOSLAV PRES TITO ON RECENT
VISIT THAT PRC NEEDS 20 YRS OF PEACE/HELP FROM W NATIONS
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TO ACHIEVE MODERNIZATION, US INTELLIGENCE SOURCES SAID FRI.
ADDED, HUA SAID PRC TRAILS W NATIONS IN TECHNOLOGY BY ABOUT
15 YRS (AP, SUN/BGLOBE 9/9).

MEANWHILE, TITO BITTERLY DENOUNCED USSR FRI FOR ITS
CONDEMNATION OF HUA'S VISIT--TOUGHEST ANTI-SOVIET SPEECH IN
YRS, ACCORD NYT (BELGRADE, SUN 9/9). SPEAKING TO GROUP OF
SLOVENIAN COMMUNIST OFFICIALS, TITO REITERATED HIS INTENTION
OF MAINTAINING INDEPENDENCE OF YUGOSLAVIA FROM ALL MAJOR
POWERS, INCL USSR, SAYING REPORTS CARRIED IN SOVIET PRESS

"CALCULATED TO INCITE A QUARREL" BETWN YUGOSLAVIA/USSR.
ARTICLE SAYS SPEECH CONFIRMED FEELING OF W DIPLOS THAT RELS
BETWN 2 COUNTRIES HAVE REACHED THEIR LOWEST POINT IN
DECADE OR MORE. IT WAS CARRIED BY YUGOSLAV NEWS AGENCY IN
BOTH SERBO-CROATIAN/ENG--DISTINCTION RESERVED FOR MOST
IMPT PRONOUNCEMENTS INTENDED FOR FON AUDIENCE.

TANZANIA PM SOKOINE TO START OFFICIAL VISIT TO PRC TUES
(AFP PEKING WHILE CHINESE FONMIN HUANG HUA WILL VISIT
ITALY IN EARLY OCT (REUTER ROME, SUN 9/9).

SENATE APPROVED LEGISLATION FRI THAT WOULD EXTEND LIMITED
MFN TRADE STATUS TO PRC. BILL DESTINED TO EXPAND EXPORT
MRKTS FOR US FARM GOODS THRU NEW "INTERMEDIATE" CREDIT
PROGRAM UNDER COMMODITY CREDIT CORP (UPI, WP 9/9).

AT SAME TIME, WP'S MATHEWS (HK 9/10) ANNOUNCES PRC TRADE
W/US MORE THAN DOUBLED IN 1ST HALF '78. SAYS SOME
ANALYSTS EXPECT CHINESE TRADE TO SOAR 30 PCT ABOVE LAST
YR'S. PREDICTS US-PRC TRADE LIKELY ACCELERATE AS CHINESE
BEGIN CONSIDERING PLANS THAT IN PAST WOULD HAVE OFFENDED
SOCIALIST DOCTRINE OF SELF-RELIANCE (USE CHEAP CHINESE
LABOR TO PRODUCE AMERICAN-BRAND PRODUCTS UNDER US
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DIRECTOR/US-CHINESE JOINT VENTURE PROJECTS IN HK/AMERICAN
EXPLOITATION OF CHINESE NAT RESOURCES).

PRC MARKED 2ND ANNIVERSARY OF DEATH MAO TSE-TUNG SAT BY
TELEVISIONING ITS 1ST STAGE PORTRAYAL OF LATE CCP CHR MN--NOT
ONLY AS USUAL SANCTIFIED LEADER/TEACHER OF CCR, BUT ALSO AS
COMMON HUMAN BEING. DESCRIBED AS "ONE OF THE PEOPLE, A
DEAR FRIEND AND COMRADE OF THE ORDINARY WORKING PEOPLE,"
MAO IS SEEN WALKING SIDE BY SIDE W/WIFE, YANG KAI-HUI.
SUN'S WU (HK 9/10) SAYS PRODUCTION REFLECTS ANOTHER MAJOR
STEP IN ONGOING MOVE TO HUMANIZE IMAGE OF MAO (ALSO REUTER
PEKING, GLOBE 9/9).

2. CHINA/VIETNAM

SRV ATTACKED PRC SUN OVER INCIDENT IN WHICH IT SAID 100
CHINESE HOOLIGANS TRIED PROVOKE VIET CADRES/FRONTIER GUARDS
FRI. RADIO HANOI SAID HOOLIGANS, ARMED W/KNIVES/STICKS/
OTHER WEAPONS SENT TO BORDER NEAR BACLUAN BRIDGE (REUTER
BANGKOK, WP).

3. VIETNAM/KAMPUCHEA

SRV ACCUSED CAMBODIAN FORCES SAT OF ATTACKING VIET BORDER
TOWNS W/ARTILLERY, KILLING/WOUNDING MORE THAN 20 IN TAYNINH
(REUTER, WP; WSTAR--BOTH BANGKOK 9/10).

4. VIETNAM/THAILAND

VIET PM PHAM VAN DONG ENDED VISIT TO THAILAND W/PROMISE THAT VN WILL NOT AID COMMUNIST INSURGIN THAILAND. OBSERVERS SAID PLEDGE, MADE AT NEWS CONF, MIGHT HAVE GREAT

SIGNIFICANCE FOR COUNTRIES IN REGION W/INSURGENCY PROBLEMS (WP BANGKOK). JOINT COMMUNIQUE SAID EACH COUNTRY HAS RIGHT TO DEVELOP ITS OWN POL/ECON/SOCIAL UNCLASSIFIED

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SYSTEM W/O OUTSIDE INTERFERENCE. SUN'S PARKS (HK) SAYS THAI PM KRIANGSAK WELCOMED VIET DECLARATION AS HANOI'S 1ST OPEN STATEMENT ON THESE ISSUES/MAJOR STEP TOWARD INSURING REGION'S STABILITY. PARKS NOTES THAT HANOI ORIGINALLY HAD HOPED FOR PFT W/THAILAND, BUT DONG EXPRESSED NO DISAPPOINTMENT SUN AT FAILURE TO CONCLUDE SUCH AGREEMENT. "WE ARE TRYING OUR BEST," HE SAID, "TO MAKE OUR COUNTRY PEACEFUL AND THIS REGION PEACEFUL." HE INSISTED TO NEWSMEN THAT HE HAD STUCK TO BILAT ISSUES IN 5 DAYS OF TALKS/NOT DISCUSSED VN'S CONFLICTS W/PRC/KAMPUCHEA (ALSO TERRY, TIME-LIFE NEWS SERVICE BANGKOK, WSTAR 9/9).

THAT VN SEES NEED FOR MANEUVERINGS--SUCH AS GETTING TO THAILAND AHEAD OF PRC DEP PREMIER--IS DRAMATIC EVIDENCE OF CHANGES IN SEASIA SINCE WAR, ACCORD LAT'S MCARTHUR (BANGKOK 9/9). SAYS IT'S NOW COMMUNISTS FIGHTING COMMUNISTS, W/VN PROFESSING BE CAUGHT IN MIDDLE--REASON FOR PHAM VAN DONG BEING SENT ON UNUSUAL MISSIONARY TRIPS TO SEASIA. CITES REPORTS THAT DONG MIGHT HINT AT OBSERVER STATUS FOR VN IN ASEAN.

5. INDOCHINA REFUGEES

MACAO GOVT HAS AGREED TO PRES CARTER'S REQUEST TO GIVE TEMPORARY ACCOMMODATION TO 171 VIET REFUGEES PICKED UP BY AMERICAN SHIP, EXPECTED ARRIVE TUES (REUTER MACAO, GLOBE 9/10).

6. KOREA

NK PRES KIM IL-SUNG APPEALED TO WASHINGTON/SEOUL SAT TO JOIN IN TALKS ON REUNITING 2 KOREAS. MADE APPEAL IN SPEECH MARKING 30TH ANNIVERSARY OF COMMUNIST REGIME'S TAKEOVER OF UNCLASSIFIED

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NORTH. SAID REUNIFICATION CAN COME ABOUT ONLY IF US W/DRAWS ALL TROOPS FROM SK. DOS CHARACTERIZED SPEECH AS "NOTHING NEW" (WP/GLOBE/WSTAL TOKYO 9/10).

HOUSE ETHICS CMTE HAS SCHEDULED HEARINGS THIS WK TO TAKE EVIDENCE AGAINST 4 CONGRESSMEN ACCUSED OF IMPROPER CONDUCT IN DEALINGS W/TONGSUN PARK. CMTE HAS NOT RULED ON REQUESTS BY REPS MCFALL (D-CALIF), ROYBAL (D-CALIF), PATTEN (D-NJ) THAT CHARGES AGAINST THEM BE DROPPED, BUT ACCORD REPORTS, MEMBERS PROCEEDING AS IF DISMISSAL MOTIONS ALREADY DENIED (GLOBE 9/10; JOC).

7. PHILIPPINES

REUTER (MANILA) REPORTS HOPES DASHED MON THAT MARCOS WOULD MARK 61ST BIRTHDAY BY GRANTING AMNESTY TO BENIGNO AQUINO. GOP ANNOUNCED LIST OF NEARLY 500 TO BE RELEASED, BUT AQUINO'S NAME MISSING. WP (MANILA) PUTS LIST AT 444, INCLUDING 6 MEN (ONE AMCIT--AUGUST LEHMAN) WHO PLEADED GUILTY LAST YR TO CHARGE OF PLOTTING KILL MARCOS; EUGENIO LOPEZ, NEPHEW OF FORMER PHILS VP; SERGIO ASMENA, SON OF MAN MARCOS DEFEATED IN '69. BGLOBE (MANILA) PUTS LIST AT 44.

8. INDONESIA

WIDOW OF PRES SUKARNO ACCUSED CIA MON/FORMER JAPANESE PREMIER OF INVOLVEMENT IN COUNTRY'S ABORTIVE '65 COUP. RATNA SARI DEWI TOLD PRESS CONF THAT EX-PREMIER SATO GAVE 6 MIL DOLS TO GENERALS TRYING OUST SUKARNO/CIA PLAYED ROLE, BUT REJECTED ALLEGATIONS THAT SUKARNO HIMSELF INVOLVED IN ATTEMPTED COUP (REUTER JAKARTA).

9. JAPAN

WP RUNS 2 FRONT-PG ARTICLES (9/10) ON DOCS JUST UNCLASSIFIED

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RELEASED BY NSA, ONE WHICH REPORTS THAT SPANISH DIPLOS SPIED ON US FOR JAPAN IN WWII. O'TOOLE SAYS JAPANESE SET ABOUT ORGANIZING SPY RING 3 DAYS AFTER PEARL HARBOR, FINANCING 1ST MONTHS OF OPRN W/500,000 DOLS LEFT WHEN JAPANESE FORCED VACATE THEIR WASHINGTON EMB. NOTES SPANIARDS OCCUPIED JAPANESE EMB/REPRESENTED JAPAN'S INTERESTS IN US AFTER WAR BROKE OUT. SAYS SPY RING "TO" WAS CONTROLLED FROM MADRID/US LEARNED OF ITS EXISTENCE BY BREAKING SUPERSECRET JAPANESE DIPLO CODE, ACTION WHICH YEILDED FAR MORE VITAL WAR INFO THAN SPY RING EVER SUPPLIED TO JAPANESE (ALSO REUTER, SUN EXISTENCE OF "TO" RING AS WELL JAPANESE PLAN TO USE SUICIDE WEAPONS, INCLUDING KAMIKAZE FROGMEN/HUMAN TORPEDOES, IN LAST-DITCH ATTEMPT TO STOP US FROM INVADING JAPAN ARE DESCRIBED IN MORE THAN 30,000 PAGES OF DECLASSIFIED DOCS JUST TURNED OVER TO NATL ARCHIVES BY NSA. IN 9/11 ARTICLE O'TOOLE DESCRIBES OPRN "MAGIC," IN WHICH US BROKE JAPAN'S MOST SECRET DIPLO CODE. SAYS ONE THING THAT MOST CLEARLY

EMERGES ABOUT JAPAN'S STATE OF MIND IN WAR'S LAST MONTHS IN THAT THEY WERE SO DESPERATE, THEY PLANNED MAKE SUICIDE KEYSTONE OF THEIR STRATEGY AGAINST INVASION (REPRINTED BGLOBE).

US/JAPANESE TECHNICAL EXPERTS FAILED SAT TO AGREE ON POSSIBILITY OF COPROCESSING PLUTONIUM W/URANIUM AT JAPAN'S EXPERIMENTAL TOKAI MURA NUKE PLANT (REUTER TOKYO, WP 9/10).

10. JAPAN/CHINA

BGLOBE (9/10) RUNS UPI PHOTO OF PARTICIPANTS IN 1ST HIGH LEVEL MTG OF JAPANESE/CHINESE MIL LEADERS GREETING EACH UNCLASSIFIED

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OTHER AT TOKYO HDQTRS--TAKEHINK TAKASHINA, CHRMN JAPANESE DEF AGENCY'S JOINT STAFF, AND CHANG TSAI-CHIEN, DEP CHIEF CPLA.

COMMENT AND ANALYSIS

11. VIETNAM

CSM RUNS CARTOON SHOWING HUGE DOMINO, LABELED DOMINO THEORY OF MONOLITHIC COMMUNISM, FALLING ON VIETNAMESE, CALLING OUT TO UNCLE SAM: "OH, KIND SIR, WOULD YOU CONSIDER LIFTING THIS BIG SLAB OFF ME?"

12. VIETNAM/CHINA

SUN'S KARNOW SAYS ESTABLISHMENT OF DIPLO RELS W/SRV HAS BEEN SHELVED IN ORDER NOT OFFEND CHINESE--IRONIC, HE SAYS, SINCE US ORIGINALLY COMMITTED ITSELF IN SEASIA IN ORDER TO STOP CHINESE EXPANSION INTO REGION. CALLS RETREAT FROM DEAL W/HANOI "STRATEGIC ERROR" SINCE NORMALIZATION WOULD BE IN INTERESTS OF BOTH CHINA/STABILITY IN REGION. CON- TENDS VIETS WANT NORMALIZATION TO DRAW ON US OIL TECH/OFF- SET RUSSIAN INFLUENCE, THAT PRES CARTER WOULD WEAKEN SOVIET ATTEMPT TO GAIN GROUND BY NORMALIZING. CALLS ON ADMIN TO PERSUADE CHINESE THAT US TIES W/SRV USEFUL OTES TO SOVIET HEGEMONY.

13. CHINA

EXEC DIR GEORGETOWN CENTER FOR STRATEGIC STUDIES, RAY CLINE, SAYS IN WP (9/9) THAT EEUROPEANS HAVE ENJOYED HEARING SOME- BODY (PRC PREMIER HUA KUO-FENG) LAMBAST SOVIET IMPERIALISM IN TERMS SELDOM USED BY MORE DISCREET AMERICANS/EUROPEANS. NOTES HUA'S RHETORIC CERTAINLY IRRITATES RUSSIANS, BUT SAYS IT'S HARD TO TELL WHETHER HE IS "CHINA CARD" BEING PLAYED BY CARTER ADMIN OR WHETHER HE IS PLAYING HIS OWN "AMERICAN

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CARD." SAYS PEKING CLEARLY HOPES TO BUILD UP ITS
PRESTIGE, GET ACCESS TO EUR/US TECH W/FINANCIAL CREDIT,
LOCK US IN DEEPER CONFRONTATION W/USSR. WHILE INCREASED
SOVIET HOSTILITY CAN HURT US, SAYS REAL TROUBLE W/US-

CHINA POLICY IS DAMAGE TO RELS W/ASIAN ALLIES. CONTENTS
MAKES NO SENSE FOR US INTERESTS IN PACIFIC TO BREAK OFF
STRONG TIES TO ROC. OPINES US SHOULD ADOPT POLICY OF
WILLINGNESS TO EXTEND DE FACTO RECOGNITION TO BOTH EXISTING
CHINESE GOVTS UNTIL HISTORY RESOLVES THEIR RIVAL CLAIMS.
IF PRC REFUSES TIES ON THESE TERMS, CONTENTS US CAN LIVE
QUITE COMFORTABLY W/STATUS QUO. CHRISTOPHER

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